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Bank business

All Community Bank branches will be open Nov. 22 for normal business.

For more information on bank schedules, call 721-7319.

Ramadan Services

Ramadan Services will be held at the United Services Organization (USO) on Camp Casey behind the Hanson Field House Nov. 16 through Dec. 16 from 7-9 p.m.

Ramadan is the Muslim holy month of fasting.

For more information on Ramadan, call Chaplain (Capt.) Mohammed Khan at 730-5108.

Special Leave Accrual

Servicemembers are now authorized to transfer up to 20 days of excess leave to this fiscal year.

Special leave accrual was granted to compensate for leaves that were cancelled Sept. 11-30. Servicemembers and commanders need not forward any paperwork to document excess leave accrual, the Defense Finance and Accounting Office will automatically carry it over. Leave not taken by Oct. 1, 2002 will be lost.

MICLIC opens way during LFX

By Sgt. Kelly McCargo
Command Information NCO

"All right boys; let's do or die," said Sgt. Eddie Gibson, B Co., 2nd Engineer Battalion, assault and obstacle platoon, sapper squad leader.

B Co., 2nd Eng. Bn. conducted a live-fire exercise with the Mine Clearing Line Charge (MICLIC) system at the Korea Training Center Nov. 2.

"Basically the MICLIC is six-inch bricks of C-4 demolition charges wrapped in individual nylon pockets. There's approximately 1,750 pounds of C-4 connected together stretching about 300 meters. This line charge is coiled in a box compartment and connected to an M200A1 Launch Missile," said Sgt. Wesley Shoemaker, B Co., 2nd Eng., assault and obstacle platoon, tank commander.

The purpose of the exercise was to familiarize engineer and armor soldiers with the complexities of a concertina-wire obstacle and landmine breach clearing procedure.

"Once a unit reports the position of an obstacle, we would coordinate with them then move



Photo by Yu, Hu Son

An Armored Vehicle Launcher MICLIC (AVLM) behind an M1A1 tank detonates a line charge.

forward to support them," said Sgt. 1st. Class Keith Evans, 2nd platoon sergeant.

"An engineer vehicle equipped with the MICLIC would position itself behind the lead breaching vehicle and launch its missile over the obstacle. Then we would detonate the line charge. What's left is the 'breach lane'" said Shoemaker.

After the line-charge deto-

nates the obstacle and mines, the lead-breaching vehicle would drive through or "proof" the lane.

The lead-breaching vehicle was an M1A1 Abrams tank from B Co., 2nd Bn., 72nd Armor equipped with a mine plow for this exercise. Proofing the lane would detonate any mines that weren't destroyed by the line-charge.

"I once heard an engineer

say that 'the MICLIC destroys about 90 percent of the mines and then the tank with a mine-plow or mine-roller would finish the rest,'" said 2nd Lt. Brent Osborn, B Co., 2nd Bn., 72nd Armor, 2nd platoon leader.

"Normally if our tank came up on a concertina wire obstacle, we would have our loader (tank crewman) dismount the tank and cut the wire

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NCO of the Year: 'No one is more professional...'

By Sgt. Kelly McCargo
Command Information NCO

"I wanted to do the 8th United States Army Noncommissioned Officer of the Year board because I always like a challenge, I'm not scared of it—I'm a soldier. I believe that any NCO who has a chance to excel and improve himself, not only as a leader but as an individual, should try to accomplish it," said Staff Sgt. Henry Mitchell, B Co., 5th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery.

When asked a question, he will answer without hesitation in a clear, resounding voice like an off-duty drill sergeant.

"That nervousness before the board is not fear of the people on the board panel. It's just anticipation in how well you are going to perform as an individual," he said. "You know the subject material, but now you have to go out there and execute it."

Mitchell was named the 8th Army NCO of the Year by a panel of six command sergeants major at Yongsan, Korea Sept. 22.

To be eligible for the 8th Army NCO of the Year, Mitchell competed in and won



Photo by Sgt. Kelly McCargo

Staff Sgt. Henry Mitchell (right), section sergeant, B Co., 5th Bn., 5th ADA, helps team chief Sgt. Brian Jimenez (middle), identify an aircraft. Mitchell shows Jimenez and stinger gunner Pfc. Acie Jones how to engage a simulated target.

the 5th Bn., 5th ADA's NCO of the Month; 2nd Brigade's NCO of the Quarter; and 2nd Infantry Division's NCO of the Year boards.

Command Sgt. Maj. Benjamin Palacios, 8th United States Army command sergeant major, presided over the 8th Army NCO of the Year board.

"All of the candidates were excellent NCOs; however, Mitchell presented himself and the 2nd Inf. Div. very well.

"He answered the board's questions and displayed his professionalism and enthusiasm very well. There were slight differences among the candidates and

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More safety in numbers

By Col. Timothy J. Lamb
8th MP Brigade/USFK Provost Marshal

Since the Sept. 11 attacks, people all over the world are very concerned about acts of terrorism. Force protection measures are in place at every Department of Defense military installation, and specific guidelines are issued through each chain of command.

I believe the measures we have taken here in United States Forces Korea are both prudent and effective in keeping our service and family members, and our civilian work force safe.

But with all these added force protection measures, we must not forget about those basic and effective measures previously in effect, like using the buddy system.

These two measures go hand-in-hand. We have always emphasized within USFK that when you are traveling off our installations, it is wise to travel with at least one other person.

Recently one of our family members was assaulted in the middle of the afternoon as she was coming out of a subway station. Luckily, she was not seriously hurt and two elderly gentlemen

were nearby and assisted her. However, what happened to her is a clear indication that you can become a victim anywhere and anytime.

During the summer of 2000, USFK experienced over a dozen unprovoked assaults on U.S. personnel who were traveling outside our installations. The common denominator in these incidents was almost invariably that the individual was traveling alone. Those assaults decreased dramatically following a strong emphasis in USFK on using the buddy system and always maintaining situational awareness.

Maintaining situational awareness is of paramount importance when traveling off of our installations.

Try to avoid the areas that could pose danger, especially when you would find yourself alone or isolated. Don't venture into unfamiliar areas alone, and stay away from off-limits areas. They are off-limits for a reason. Visiting these places is punishable by the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

As you go about your daily activities, remember to practice self-protection measures that can keep you out of harm's way. The buddy system is one



Col. Timothy Lamb
8th Military Police Brigade Commander

effective measure. You don't have to have a large group for the buddy system to work. Just one other person can make a difference.

All of our force protection measures are in place to help protect our personnel and their families. Remembering to use the buddy system and always maintaining situational awareness will help us to keep you safe.



Photo by Lt. Col. Susan Danielson

The buddy system: It's not only the standard, it's safe

(From left to right) Pfc. Alexandra Shey, Spc. Kimberly Harris, and Spc. Lynne Borchers, A Co., 168th Medical Battalion, use the buddy system while walking through Uijongbu, Korea.

The overwhelming majority of Koreans favor the American forces here on the peninsula. However, there is a small radical element that conducts anti-American demonstrations. These radical groups are always looking for ways to incite physical violence or create an incident that may be captured in the media unfavorably to the U.S./Korean relationship. To avoid becoming a victim, stay alert, show respect for Korean laws, customs and traditions, and always take your buddy along with you.

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Voice of the Warrior: D-Main

What do you plan to do personally for Veterans Day?



CH (Maj.) David Causey
Eng. Bde.

■ I will be engaged in a religious service. We should remember the dead, whose tours of duty will never end.



Sgt. Jason Gamble
445th CA Bn.

■ I will visit my grandfather's grave. He was a veteran of World War II. It's important to remember those who died.



Maj. Walter Henry
HHB, Divarty

■ I plan to go to the big war memorial in Seoul by Yongsan Post. I want to renew my light of patriotism.



Master Sgt. Pablo Quirindongo
HHC, 2nd Inf. Div., G1

■ I will congratulate those around me who serve in the armed forces, and share with them my 20 years of service.



Maj. Ian Gillies
425th CA Bn.

■ I will spend time with my sons, and try to explain to them the sacrifices that veterans have made for the whole world.

2nd Eng. Bn. soldiers help 'reap' benefits

By Pfc. Rebecca Steed
Indianhead Asst. Editor

As the mist faded into a crisp morning and revealed the auburn colors of autumn, soldiers and local farmers began heaving large bundles of soybeans into high piles.

It was a change in scenery from other community relations efforts in Paju City.

Thirty-five of the best soldiers from 2nd Engineer Battalion were nominated

Oct. 24 to help four farmers of Paju City reap their harvests of radish and soybeans, the latter being more economically significant to the farmers.

Yoon, Joon Bae, a farmer, said soybeans greatly help the economy because there is such a large demand spread over Korea.

Soybeans are the second most important crop – the first being rice.

But, Yoon added, the soybeans on his approximately 8 acre farm are

unique because they are all natural -- with no chemical assistance -- not modified like most soybean plantations.

"We harvest the best soybeans, and we're proud," Yoon said.

With soybean products so widespread and in high demand, and with farmers harvesting their own crops with their bare hands, it takes 10- 20 days to get the fields harvested.

But with dozens of soldiers helping out, it takes only two days to do what would have taken weeks.

"We are very thankful for the soldiers who are helping us with our crops," Yoon said. "Even though America is having its own problems, the soldiers still seem happy to be here."

Soldiers have given their time to the people in Paju City in many ways.

"They helped build an orphanage and schools, pave the roads and much more for Paju City," said 1st Sgt. William Jackson, A Co., 2nd Eng. Bn. first sergeant.

"We know the soldiers

are out here to protect us, but it is more than a military relationship, at least for us," Yoon said.

"It's definitely something I have never done before," said Staff Sgt. Marvin Livingston, A Co., 2nd Eng. Bn. "I am glad I came out. I don't think we get involved with the community enough, but it's a start."

The 2nd Eng. Bn. has what is called a "red company" system.

The battalion rotates companies when the community needs help, said Jackson.

"We in turn choose our most motivated and best soldiers," Jackson said.

With this system in place, the 2nd Eng. Bn. will be able to continue to help out in the local areas where it is needed most.

"It makes me feel great to help," said Pfc. Shay Griffith, B Co., 2nd Eng. Bn. "It's part of being in the Army. You take the job you are given, you take the mission and you do it to the best of your ability."



Photo by Pfc. Rebecca Steed

Soldiers from A Co., 2nd Eng. Bn., help farmers from Paju City gather soybeans for harvest Oct. 17.

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Mitchell came out over the rest," said Palacios.

The topics on the boards covered military common task training, battle focused training, leadership, Army Physical Fitness and other military topics.

Mitchell also was evaluated on the appearance of his Army Class A uniform.

"Boards like the 8th Army NCO of the Year are important to soldiers because it's part of their soldier and leadership development," said Palacios. "Competing in all boards -- soldier and NCO of the Quarter, Audie Murphy--makes great soldiers the best. The board members just have to select the best of the best."

Mitchell, a section sergeant in a Stinger missile air defense artillery battalion, said that his achievement took considerable effort.

"My unit has been preparing for field training exercises, so we have had several pre-combat inspections and there are still soldiers who have to be taken care of. But I always managed to find some time to pull out my study guides and study on the spot."

The challenge, though, was worth it, he said.

"As NCOs we lead from the front, so any time an NCO does a good thing, like win NCO of the Year,

hopefully his soldiers will want to follow in his footsteps. One day I hope every soldier, whether a private or specialist, says 'Hey, I want to shoot for that (8th Army NCO of the Year).'"

"Staff Sgt. Mitchell's many years of experience has made him an excellent subject matter expert in his job.

As a junior leader he has given me considerable platoon guidance, both in garrison and in the field," said 2nd Lt. Clay Clarkson, B Co., 5th Bn., 5th ADA, third platoon leader.

"The 5th Bn., 5th ADA Battalion Commander (Lt. Col. Roberto Delgado), has given our platoon honorable mention several times for either outstanding combat positions in the field or having the cleanest equipment during post-combat inspections. Staff Sgt. Mitchell can be credited for much of that success," said Clarkson.

"Any time I ask Staff Sgt. Mitchell a work-related question, he can answer it without even using a book," said Pfc. Acie Jones, stinger missile gunner in Mitchell's platoon.

A native of West Palm Beach, Fla., Mitchell is a father of two sons, Xavier, 8, and Hersey, 11. His wife, Staff Sgt. Laura Mitchell, is assigned to B Co., 702nd Personnel Support Battalion, Camp Mobile.

"I received a lot of support from my wife," said Mitchell. "My chain of command also supported me 100 percent, from my first line supervisor all the way to the division commander."

Mitchell's next challenge is preparing himself and his soldiers for success.

As the 8th Army NCO of the Year, he's preparing himself for success in Hawaii.

The date for the All-Army NCO of the Year board has not been determined yet.



Photo by Sgt. Kelly McCargo

Eighth U.S. Army NCO of the Year, Staff Sgt. Henry Mitchell, 5th Bn., 5th ADA, ensures the Stinger missile is properly stowed.

News Briefs

509th PSB and APO Thanksgiving hours

The 509th Personnel Services Battalion and Army Post Office at Camps Casey, Red Cloud and Howze will be closed Nov. 22-23 for Thanksgiving Day.

Emergency services will be available by calling 730-4704 (Camp Casey); 732-4919 (Camp Stanley); and 734-5300 (Camp Howze).

Postal operations will resume normal schedules Nov. 24, and PSB operations will resume Nov. 26.

Temperatures are dropping; plan for the cold

As the temperatures drop, protect yourself from cold weather injuries. Remember the acronym COLDER:

- C: Keep clothing clean
- O: Avoid overheating
- L: Wear clothing loose and in layers
- D: Keep clothing dry as possible
- E: Examine clothing for holes, tears, and broken fasteners
- R: Repair or replace damaged clothing

Legal Briefs

A captain from 44th Engineer Battalion was found guilty Oct. 24 at a general court-martial of consensual sodomy, assault consummated by battery, indecent exposure, indecent assault, indecent acts with another, two specifications of fraternization, conduct unbecoming an officer, and making a false official statement.

He was ordered to serve six months confinement and will be dismissed from the Army.

A soldier from 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment was found guilty Oct. 25 at a special court-martial of desertion after he failed to return from mid-tour leave.

The soldier was reduced in rank to private (E1), ordered to serve two months confinement and will receive a bad-conduct discharge.

Movie Schedule

Camp Red Cloud

Nov. 16 The Last Castle
Nov. 17, 18 Rat Race
Nov. 19 Jurassic Park 3
Nov. 20 Capt. Corelli's Mandolin
Nov. 22-23 Riding in Cars with Boys
Nov. 24-25 The Musketeer
Nov. 26 Rush Hour 2
Nov. 27 Rock Star
Nov. 29-30 Thirteen Ghosts

CRC Theater show times

Sunday 1:30 & 7 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 7 & 9 p.m.

Camp Casey

Nov. 16 Bubble Boy
Nov. 17, 20 Rat Race
Nov. 18-19 The Last Castle
Nov. 21 Jurassic Park 3
Nov. 22-23 Capt. Corelli's Mandolin
Nov. 24, 27 The Musketeer
Nov. 28 Rush Hour 2
Nov. 29-30 Rock Star

Casey Theater show times

Monday-Friday 7 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 6:30 p.m.

Camp Stanley

Nov. 16 Bubble Boy
Nov. 17-18 Rat Race
Nov. 20 Jurassic Park 3
Nov. 21 Riding in Cars with Boys
Nov. 22-23 Capt. Corelli's Mandolin
Nov. 24-25 The Musketeer
Nov. 27 Rush Hour 2
Nov. 28 Thirteen Ghosts
Nov. 29-30 Rock Star

Stanley Theater show times

Tuesday-Friday 7 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 7 & 9 p.m.

Camp Hovey

Nov. 16 Bubble Boy
Nov. 17, 20 The Last Castle
Nov. 21 Jurassic Park 3
Nov. 22-23 Capt. Corelli's Mandolin
Nov. 24, 27 Riding in Cars with Boys
Nov. 28 Rush Hour 2
Nov. 29-30 Rock Star

Hovey Theater show times

Seven days a week, 7 p.m.

Camp Garry Owen

Nov. 16 Osmosis Jones
Nov. 17 Training Day
Nov. 21 Joyride
Nov. 23 The Score
Nov. 24 The Last Castle
Nov. 28 Original Sin
Nov. 30 Planet of the Apes

Garry Owen Theater show times
Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 7 p.m.

Camp Greaves

Nov. 16 Training Day
Nov. 17 Planet of the Apes
Nov. 18 Joyride
Nov. 21 Bubble Boy
Nov. 22 Rat Race
Nov. 23, 25 The Last Castle
Nov. 28 Capt. Corelli's Mandolin
Nov. 29 The Musketeer
Nov. 30 Riding in Cars with Boys

Greaves Theater show times

Sunday, Wednesday - Saturday 7 p.m.

Army/Air Force Exchange theater movies are free to authorized patrons. Enjoy a movie tonight!

No 'Sloppy Joes' in this joint!

By Pfc. Charles Siler
Indianhead Staff Writer

Minutes pass slowly as working soldiers on Camp Essayons await the lunch hour, a time when they will be able to savor the flavor of a great tasting meal prepared by the 102nd Military Intelligence Battalion Dining Facility.

The 102nd MI Bn. Dining Facility, winner of the Commanding General's Best Restaurant in Town Award, was evaluated by the Department of the Army for the Phillip A. Connelly Award (an award given to the best dining facility) Oct. 29.

"This is a golden opportunity for this dining facility to be the best in the Army," said Chief Warrant Officer Rufus Montgomery, chief food inspector, United States Army Quartermaster Center and School, Ft. Lee, Va.

Montgomery was part of a three-man team that came to assess the 102nd MI Bn. Dining Facility. Also judging were Sgt. Maj. Rodney Price (Certified Foodservice Executive), U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and School, chief food operations management noncommissioned officer, and Mr. David Evans (CFE), International Foodservice Executives Association, food services director.

"We are going to select one first-place winner and one runner up from the field of six that were able to make it to the DA level," said Price. "The few dining facilities that were able to make it this far are already winners. They are in the top one percent of all Army dining facilities."

The dining facilities that engaged in the competition for the Connelly Award will benefit in many ways from the competition.

"Right now, everyone in foodservice is talking about the Connelly Award," said Montgomery. "The dining facilities are getting the full support of their units, and to remain competitive, many of them will receive updated equipment and be able to get necessary renovations that might not have happened



Photos by Pfc Charles Siler

Mr. David Evans (middle left) and Chief Warrant Officer Rufus Montgomery (middle right) uses a cooking thermometer to ensure rotisserie chicken is thoroughly cooked.

without the publicity the Connelly Award brings."

"We have renovated the dining facility here at 102nd MI Bn.," said Sgt. 1st Class Ola Trabue, 102nd MI Bn. dining facility manager. "We replaced a lot of our old equipment and changed our facility décor. We tried to create a sports bar look; we want soldiers to be able to come here to eat and then relax while they enjoy their meal in a wholesome atmosphere. We want them to be able to relax and chill."

"The entire team here has enhanced its knowledge of foodservices as well as coming together to put out a higher quality product due to preparations for the Connelly Award," said Trabue.

"Soldier opinion is very important," said Montgomery.

"I want to know that when a soldier takes a bite of dining facility food, he is getting a great quality product," said Montgomery. "I want everything on the line to be fresh. When he bites into a piece of ham, I want the juice to fill his mouth with flavor as the meat falls tenderly off the bone."

"To make sure that soldiers are getting fresh food, I check the kitchen to make sure that the food service special-

ists are preparing foods by progressive cooking," said Montgomery. Progressive cooking is a method in which the cooks prepare enough of a product, such as French toast, to fill the line, and then they prepare more only to meet the demand.

"It ensures that the last soldier in the line gets the same fresh, hot product that the first soldier in line got," said Montgomery. "It also cuts back on wasted products."

"We also look to see if the food is prepared in a timely and sanitary manner," said Price. "It is extremely important that the kitchen and the dining facilities are clean and maintained to Army standards."

Dining facilities competing for the Connelly Award are also evaluated according to Army standards outlined in related Training Manuals, said Price.

"I check a lot of the training the cooks have received, as well as the paperwork and administration of the dining facility," said Price.

"It takes a lot of overtime on our part to prepare for the Connelly Award," said Trabue, "getting everyone trained up on their recipes and making sure all of our paperwork is organized."

"The Connelly Award has really brought out the best in our cooks," said Trabue. "It's a great thing just to be at this level."

Six dining facilities are competing in the small category of the Connelly Award, said Price. The winner and runner up will be announced no later than Jan. 15, 2002.



Montgomery and a staff worker examine the equipment used to prepare the food.



Montgomery lightens the mood of Pfc. Kara Luneau, 102nd MI Bn., food service specialist, with his easy-going sense of humor. Montgomery is watching as Luneau prepares warm, golden fried catfish for lunch.

Native Americans: 365 years in service

By **Spc. Heather Hilton**
Indianhead Staff Writer

Everyone knows the Thanksgiving story of the Indians and Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock. And some remember the days in elementary school when half the class would make Pilgrim hats, the other half feathers, and everybody would go to the cafeteria and eat cornbread and cranberry sauce as a snack.

But, November brings more than Thanksgiving feasts for the 2nd Infantry Division Warriors. November marks National Native American Indian Heritage Month. And for



A former "living symbol" portrays the warrior spirit of 2nd Inf. Div.

Camp Red Cloud especially, there is much to be remembered about the Native American soldiers and history in the U.S. Army.

CRC was memorialized Feb. 4, 1957, in honor of Winnebago Indian Cpl. Mitchell Red Cloud, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Inf. Div. Red Cloud was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor during the Korean War on Nov. 5, 1950.

For the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, CRC was rededicated in a ceremony at Medal of Honor Park on July 6, 2001. Ms. Annita Red Cloud, daughter of Cpl. Red Cloud, attended the rededication. "She talked about her father and his life, what he was like, it was a very good speech," said Staff Sgt. Joseph Trimble, division historian at the 2nd Inf. Div. Museum.

But the importance of the Native American contribution to the U.S. Army extends far beyond and before the naming of Camp Red Cloud.

In the 19th century, Native Americans began to be integrated into the U.S. Army in order to "pacify the west," said Kim Combs, 2nd Inf. Div. Museum director. One of the first major efforts to integrate the indigenous people into the military, similar to the KATUSA program, was the K Company Experiment, said Combs. "Every K Company in every infantry battalion was made up of indigenous Native Americans."

At the turn of the century, another



Courtesy photo

Gen. John Pershing greets Sgt. (Chief) I-See-O at Ft. Sill, Okla. circa 1918.

branch of the Army, the Indian Scouts, was established as an indigenous Constabulary Corps, said Combs. "They served as quasi-police forces within the tribal elements they came from. They also served as active soldiers on the frontier in the role of scouting."

In fact, the cross arrows on the Special Forces insignia today originates from the Indian Scouts, explained Combs.

The last of the famed Indian Scouts, Sergeant (Chief) I-See-O, a 40-

year Army veteran, became the first unofficial living symbol of 2nd Inf. Div. Even after retiring from the Army, I-See-O continued to greet visitors and dignitaries, and attend ceremonies, sporting events and special occasions. His continued presence in the Warrior Division not only became an icon of the division's esprit de corps, but also served as a good will ambassador for 2nd Inf. Div.

A friend of Gen. John J. Pershing, explained Trimble, I-See-O continued **See Native, page 6**

Ramadan: lunar month of holy fasting

By **Chap. (Capt.) Mohammed M. Khan**
2nd FSB, 2nd Inf. Div. Chaplain

The holy month of Ramadan, the Muslim month of fasting, starts on or about Nov. 17, with continuous observance for 29 or 30 days. Accurate dates cannot be given beforehand since the Islamic calendar is lunar, and the actual date of observance is determined by viewing the crescent moon every month.

In the holy Qur'an, Allah (Almighty God) says, "Ramadan is the month in which Qur'an is revealed, a total guidance to mankind."

The daily period of fasting is before dawn, approximately two hours before the sunrise, until after sunset. According to the Holy Qur'an, during this daily period, one must not eat, drink, smoke, indulge in marital sexual relations or become ill tempered; these activities will break the fast and nullify the purpose of Ramadan.

Ramadan serves as a periodic adjustment for proper human balance.

This state ultimately allows individuals to gain self-mastery and total control over their heated desires, selfish appetites and other urges that dominate the life of every man and woman in every society.

Muslims deny the body those things--which are normally lawful--in order to strengthen the total self against all that is unlawful.

Prophet Mohammed is reported to have said,

"Whoever fasts but indulges in falsehood, let them know that their giving up of food and drink shall not benefit them with Allah'." The Holy Qur'an instructs that "Oh you who believe, fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed before you, that you might achieve Taqwa (God fearful or God conscious)."

One of the important benefits of the fast is to bring to mind that hardship of the less fortunate members of our society. Ramadan is a month of spending on poor and on those in need.

Specific categories of people are exempt from fasting, such as the sick, those traveling a distance of 50 miles or more, those who are permanently incapacitated by old age, women who are pregnant or breast-feeding, and women in their monthly menstruation cycle. The last group is not only exempted but forbidden to fast.

However, these categories must substitute each day they can not fast by feeding a hungry person for that day or by providing the cost of a modest meal.

During Ramadan, Muslims sacrifice time from their usual pastimes in order to increase their spiritual growth. The extra time is to be spent praying, reading the Holy Qur'an and re-establishing proper management over every aspect of one's life.

After Ramadan has ended, Dec. 16 or 17, depending upon the lunar calendar, Muslims celebrate Eid-U-Fitr (The Festival of Fast Breaking).

The name of the festival is taken from the Arabic word Fitra, which means to donate an amount of money necessary to provide an average meal to a needy person of the society.

The first day of Eid begins a three-day observance of thanksgiving and rejoicing for the fulfillment of the fasting obligation.

Congregational prayers, on the first day of Eid, are held in small towns and large cities all over the world with a large feast and festival given and continue with related activities for the next two days. Family, friends and neighbors visit the sick, disabled, elderly, and each other with gifts and blessings during the three days.

Some accommodation may need to be made for Muslim soldiers and Department of Defense civilian personnel, in order for them to observe the holy month of Ramadan. These individuals should request release from duty and work each day at least 30 minutes before sunset in order to make the necessary preparation for observance of the Iftar (Fast Breaking Meal) and for the After Sunset Prayer.

Additionally, Muslim soldiers should request exemption from participation in the daily rigorous physical training, long road marches and field training exercises.

Additional information and literature on Ramadan and Islam can be obtained from Chaplain (Capt.) Mohammed Khan at 730-5108 or cell 016-893-7191.

Bush visits soldiers, Camp Casey USO

By Spc. Heather Hilton

Indianhead Staff Writer

"I've never been so proud to be an American," exclaimed the 41st president of the United States, George H.W. Bush, to 2nd Infantry Division soldiers as they celebrated the grand opening of the Prescott Bush United Services Organization Building on Camp Casey, Nov. 9.

During a time of sorrow in the United States, Bush, guest of honor at the USO dedication ceremony, assured the soldiers of United States Forces Korea that the fight against terrorism would be successful.

"The President (George W. Bush) has total confidence in this military," said Bush.

The all-day event began with 16 teams of soldiers participating in a 10 kilometer guidon race. Starting at the front door of the newly re-furnished USO building, 160 soldiers ran to Camp Hovey and back, bearing their units' guidons and representing the spirit of all those who benefit from the USO's



Photo by Pfc. Charles Siler

Former President George H. Bush poses with 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry soldiers Pfc. Enrique Borja, Headquarters and Headquarters Co., Spc. Paul Fehr, B Co., Staff Sgt. Lawrence De La Noy, and Spc. Patrick Hayes, HHC, during the USO dedication ceremony Nov. 9.

programs.

Morning events also included a tomahawk-throwing contest.

Mike "Iron Post" Kolisch, world tomahawk-throwing champion, held the competition for soldiers who wanted to show their warrior spirit.

Early in the afternoon, Bush, accompanied by Thomas Hubbard, U.S. Ambassador to Korea; Gen. Thomas Schwartz, United States Forces Korea Commander in Chief; Lt. Gen. Daniel Zanini, Commander, 8th U.S. Army; Maj. Gen. Russel Honoré, 2nd Inf. Div. Commanding Gen.; and Command Sgt. Maj. Barry Wheeler, 2nd Inf. Div. Command Sgt. Maj., joined 250 1st Bde. soldiers for a celebratory lunch at Hanson Field House.

The 2nd Inf. Div. Band filled the hall with music as Bush made his way around to every table, speaking with the soldiers and encouraging their efforts in supporting the United States during what he saw as a time of such great distress, following the Sept. 11 disasters.

USO director D.J. Stanhope welcomed the guests.

After an enthusiastic introduction by Honoré, Bush spoke of his son, President George W. Bush, and the state of affairs in the United States. "The country's united. I think we'll stay united. He's (Pres. George W. Bush) blessed with great teammates," said Bush, referring to all those serving in the military and the presidential cabinet. "Thank you for serving with such honor."

Following a heartfelt performance by Staff Sgt. James Buckley, 8th U.S. Army Band vocalist, and the 2nd Inf. Div. Band of Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the U.S.A.," Bush moved to the USO building where he greeted and congratulated the winners of

the guidon race and tomahawk throw.

Bush also met representatives from the Family Readiness Group, The Federation of Korean Industries (FKI), the USO Council, United States Army Garrison Camp Casey, and soldiers from the 702nd Main Support Battalion and the 302nd Forward Support Battalion dining facilities.

Bush then joined more than 150 soldiers and guests for the unveiling of a monument honoring Sen. Prescott Bush, R-Conn.

Stanhope explained how Prescott Bush worked in 1941 to launch the original USO. He served as a chairman for the organization and contributed generously toward raising \$33 million for the organization during WWII, said Stanhope.

Following the unveiling, the USO was opened for business with an official ribbon cutting. Bush, Schwartz, Honoré and Stanhope joined Elaine Losey, executive director of the USO Korea; retired Gen. John Tilelli, president of the USO; Kim, Kwang S., chairman of the FKI, a 200 million won donor to the USO; Chang, Suk Eun, president and CEO of Green Millennium Industries, another major donor to the USO; Hack, Yong Pyo, president of the USO council Korea; and Ambassador Hubbard all participated in cutting the red, white and blue ribbon.

Finally, Bush and the other guests observed some tomahawk throwing and a 125-man Tae Kwon Do demonstration.

"Duty, honor and country meant a lot to my dad, to me, and to the President of the United States today," said Bush, as he thanked United States Forces Korea and Camp Casey USO for honoring his father and for their service and duty to their country.

Native

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A friend of Gen. John J. Pershing, explained Trimble, I-See-O continued his role of emissary until his death on March 11, 1927.

Several decades later Sgt. (Chief) Marland Tahbonemah, grandson of I-See-O, continued the tradition and became the first official living symbol of 2nd Inf. Div., said Combs.

Since then the division has often



Photo by Master Sgt. William C. Darrah

Williams primary duty on Camp Casey was a generator mechanic.

had a living symbol for ceremonial purposes and to represent the esprit de corps of those in the "Warrior Division."

However, with division's current intensive training mission, and constant turnover in staff, there has not been a living symbol for more than a decade, said Combs.

World War II also brought about a Native American mission that became legendary to the success of the U.S. forces.

Native American "Code Talkers," primarily Navajo, Arapaho, and Sioux, were used for their linguistic skills to converse to one another over the signal corps radios, explained Combs.

Because their the "Code Talkers" language was not a written language, Japanese intelligence was never able to break the "code." This mission was kept top secret until the 1960s, said Combs.

The 2nd Inf. Div. Museum, in conjunction with the Equal Opportunity staff, is recognizing National Native American Indian Heritage Month this November with a display at CRC Headquarters.

"Camp Red Cloud, here in the 'Warrior Division,' is an ideal focus for that," said Combs.

According to the Quarterly Narrative Statistical Report, 92 Native Americans are currently serving in the 2nd Inf. Div.

As Combs explained, "The indigenous Native American peoples have contributed to the United States Army for the last 365 years, since the first

units were established in the 1630s.

It is the longest heritage of any specific cultural group in the Army."

National Native American Indian Heritage Month is a time to honor those Native Americans who have served, and continue to serve, to help make the U.S. Army strong.



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Spc. Edward F. Williams-Naqua, A Co. 702nd Main Support Bn., fulfills his second duty as "living symbol" at a change of command ceremony on Camp Casey in 1988. Naqua is part of the Tlingit tribe from Alaska.

MICLIC

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with wire cutters. He would then throw C-4 bricks with time-fuse detonators near any mines. Then the tank would push through,” said Staff Sgt. Michael Madrid, B Co., 2nd Bn., 72nd Armor, tank commander.

“That’s an extremely dangerous operation because soldiers are exposed to enemy small-arms fire and fragmentation from artillery fire,” said Madrid. “The advantage of the MICLIC is that soldiers don’t have to be exposed to that.”

“We all work together to increase the survivability rate of all of our soldiers,” said Osborn.

The crew of the breaching tank was completely comfortable with 1,750-pounds of C-4 being launched over its vehicle.

“As I see it, I’m still in the safest place on the battlefield,” said Pfc. Brian Senneker, B Co., 2nd Bn., 72nd Armor, tank driver.

The MICLIC can be transported by several means.

The engineers used the Armor Vehicle Launcher MICLIC (AVLM) and an M113 personnel carrier to tow the M200A1 on a trailer.

“The distinct advantage of the AVLM is its armor capabilities and that it can carry two charges. The M113 has its mobility, but it only carries one charge,” said Evans. “If



Photos by Yu, Hu Son

When the call for obstacle and landmine clearing support came, M113 driver Pvt. Adam Cofone, B Co., 2nd Eng. Bn., quickly pulled in behind the lead-breaching M1A1 Abrams tank. A last minute pressure drop sent Pvt. Kurt Davis, B Co., 2nd Eng. Bn., through the rear hatch of the M113 to manually lift the missile boom to a 45-degree angle.

something goes wrong its good to have that back-up line-charge.”

Gibson was the M113 vehicle commander for the first live-fire

demonstration.

Gibson and his sapper squad had spent several days training with an inert (without explosives) MICLIC.

“We were very careful about our preparation-to-fire checks. That’s important because we don’t want to pull up on the battlefield and not be able to launch,” he said.

Pvt. Adam Cofone, B Co., 2nd Eng. Bn., vehicle driver, quickly maneuvered the M113 behind the lead-breaching vehicle and yelled “set!”

The crew automatically closed all of the hatches.

Gibson called up and requested permission to launch.

A last-minute pressure malfunction prompted Gibson to send Davis through the M113 rear hatchway in a flash.

The M200A1 launching boom had to be elevated 45-degrees or the mission would be scrapped.

Davis ran out of the vehicle, manually elevated the launching boom, then jumped back into the track.

At 2 p.m. Gibson was given the green light to launch.

Davis quickly squeezed the M34 blasting machine several times and the swoosh of the M200A1 missile pierced KTC.

Gibson’s voice, energized with excitement, came over the radio requesting permission to detonate the line.

Once the permission to detonate was given, Gibson activated the line charge and KTC shook from the

explosive force of nearly a ton of C-4.

“You can actually see the shock wave coming toward you if you position yourself 200 meters above the blast sight,” said Capt. Paul Patterson, B Co, 2nd Eng., company commander.

Patterson said he was extremely pleased with the operation.

“Everything went as planned and I attribute that success to our NCOs and soldiers who thoroughly rehearsed this mission,” said Patterson.

“Today’s mission enhanced our soldiers’ confidence in their equipment and proved that the 2nd Engineers are prepared to breach an obstacle and fight tonight,” he said.



Sgt. Robert Nowicki (left), B Co., 2nd Eng. Bn., Armored Vehicle Launcher MICLIC commander and his driver, Spc. Jason Vanvleet, carefully inspect an inert MICLIC before launching it.



Sgt. Eddie Gibson (top), Pvt. Kurt Davis (middle) and Pfc. Felix Lopez check the air pressure of the M200A1 missile boom.

Kids scare up Halloween fun on Camp Red Cloud

Evening of trick or treating, haunted houses bring taste of holiday to Korea

Story by Sgt. Mark Porter

Area 1 Public Affairs

Gate guards were on duty and roving guards criss-crossed the installation all day Oct. 31, but they couldn't keep out the many spooks and specters who invaded Camp Red Cloud in search of Halloween fun.

Luckily the group meant no harm – despite their devilish appearances -- they came looking for treats, not tricks. Forty-three children, ranging in age from 3 to 13 years, came dressed to chill and looking for fun. The activities planned by the camp's Pear Blossom Cottage did not disappoint.

"We tried to plan something for all ages," said PBC Manager Jeana Gregg. "Having traditional 'American' activities like trick or treating is important in Korea because it helps the children here see that things don't have to be completely different even though they are overseas. Besides, it is a great time for kids – Korean, American and Amerasian – to be kids and have fun."

And, there was plenty of fun to be had. In addition to a trick or treating route that took the group through various offices and barracks. The children also enjoyed a haunted house, ghost stories and apple bobbing at the 2nd Infantry Division Museum, and another haunted house, face painting and games at the Community Activity Center.

"I had lots of fun, and look at all the candy I got," said Davis Pratt, age 7, as he held open an overflowing goodie bag. "The museum haunted house was my favorite part, but I wasn't scared."

Pratt and his costumed cohorts weren't the only ones who enjoyed the day's activities. Many of the grown-ups who took part seemed to



Photos by Sgt. Mark Porter

Above: First Sgt. Brian Johnson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Area 1 Support Activity, hands out candy to the little spooks and specters visiting his barracks.

Right: Camp Red Cloud Pear Blossom Cottage Manager Jeana Gregg helps a child with her make up in preparation for the night's activities.

get as much from the events as the children.

"This is what it's all about," said 1st Sgt. Brian Johnson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company Area 1. "Seeing the kids in costume, handing out candy – it helps remind my soldiers we're not so far from home."

As the Community Center emptied and parents carried their exhausted ghouls and boys home, at least one person was already looking forward to the next activity.

"Trick or treating was an excellent idea – a little hectic I admit, but fun," said Gregg. "Now I can not wait until it is time to do the Santa Claus stuff!"



Photo by Sgt. Mark Porter

Sound Off

Camp Casey's Reggies was rocking the night of Nov. 10, as the restaurant played host to Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Battle of the Bands. Three musical groups took to the stage and kept the crowd moving with a variety of folk, rock and tejano music. Rock band "Shatterdd" took first prize in the competition. Left: Shatterdd's bass player Jesse Scanlan, and lead singer Nicholas Lynn entertain the crowd.